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**ONAWA WOMAN SENT TO FEDERAL PRISON  
FOR ROLE IN METH CONSPIRACY**

United States Attorney Matt M. Dummermuth announced today that an Onawa woman was sentenced on May 2, 2008, to more than 5 years in federal prison on drug charges.

**TONYA CARTER-GASHE**, 31, from Onawa, pled guilty December 28, 2007, to conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine.

**CARTER-GASHE**, together with her husband and others, obtained methamphetamine from Omaha, Nebraska and sold it from her home in Monona County, Iowa.

**CARTER-GASHE** was sentenced in Sioux City by United States District Court Chief Judge Mark W. Bennett. **CARTER-GASHE** was sentenced to 63 months' imprisonment. A special assessment of \$100 was imposed. She must also serve a 4-year term of supervised release after the prison term. There is no parole in the federal system.

**CARTER-GASHE** is being held in the United States Marshal's custody until she can be transported to a federal prison.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the Monona County's Sheriff's Office, and the Onawa Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Forde Fairchild.